



Archaeology News

- from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist

- **Governor Kernan issues Indiana Archaeology Month Proclamation-**

On May 7, 2004, Governor Joseph E. Kernan signed the official Proclamation for Indiana Archaeology Month. This is the ninth year for Archaeology Month, and it is the largest yearly archaeology outreach event in our state. If you are planning on hosting an event, don't hesitate to provide that information to our office as soon as possible so that it can be included in the official calendar of events. We are looking forward to September 2004 !



- **Public Input Opportunity for the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program Evaluation Criteria-**

The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is once again seeking public input regarding the priorities that are used to evaluate the grant proposals received under the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) program that is administered by our office. You are invited to review these priorities and evaluation criteria and give us your input. This way, the priorities are guaranteed to reflect the programmatic needs identified by our staff as well as the preservation concerns of our constituents. The priorities may be downloaded from the DHPA's website at www.in.gov/dnr/historic.

Once you have reviewed the draft priorities, please mail, fax, or e-mail any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff no later than **Friday, July 23, 2004**. All comments must be received in writing. We will present all public input to the State Historic Preservation Review Board for consideration during its meeting on July 28, 2004.

Thank you for helping us continually improve and refine the grants program in order to keep it responsive to the identified preservation needs in Indiana. If you have any

questions about the proposed evaluation criteria, please do not hesitate to contact the Grants Staff at 317-232-1646.

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- **Active Spring** – It has been a busy spring season for the archaeologists at the DHPA. So far this year, the staff have taken reports of and/or investigated 37 accidental discoveries of archaeological sites, looting of sites, potential damage to cemeteries, and more. Working closely with the Conservation Officers (DNR's law enforcement), these cases are all taken very seriously and investigated. Although



Damaged and neglected headstones in an Indiana cemetery.

some of these cases confirm that sites have been damaged, each one in some way also presents the opportunity to reach additional people regarding Indiana's historic preservation and archaeology law (Indiana Code [IC] 14-21-1), as well as the relevant cemetery protection statutes, and why it is so important to protect these cultural resources.

- **Email Address Changes** – DHPA staff email addresses have recently changed. For example, ajohnson@dnr.state.in.us is now ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov ; rjones@dnr.state.in.us is now rjones@dnr.IN.gov . Please make a note of these address changes for our staff. The old email addresses will continue to work as a “secondary” address for a period of at least two years, but we have been encouraged to let people know that they should begin as soon as possible to use the new addresses.

This information is distributed via email by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). This is meant to provide information on current archaeological topics and issues in which the DHPA is involved. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth/home.htm

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